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Smallpox in the State of Espirito Santo, Brazil.

A dispatch from Victoria, the chief seaport of the State of Espirito Santo, states that the epidemic of variola continues, although somewhat ameliorated.

From the 7th to the 18th of February, 1905, there were 19 cases received in the isolation hospital. Of this number 6 left the hospital cured and 1 died, the remainder being still under treatment. This one fatal case is reported to be the only fatal case of variola since the beginning of the outbreak.

The local inspector of hygiene reports that he has just received some 700 tubes of vaccine virus.

Smallpox in Porte Allegre, State of Rio Grande do Sul.

Reports from this city show the existence of smallpox there. There are, however, no numbers or particulars given.

Mortuary report, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, week ended February 26, 1905.

During this week there were in all 256 deaths. This number gives a daily average of 36.57, against 39.71 for the preceding week and against 45.14 for the corresponding week of 1904. The coefficient per each 1,000 of the population is 14.74.

This indicates a much healthier state of sanitation than has existed here for many years, if ever.

On the other hand, there is an increase in the cases of yellow fever this week, there having been 14 cases, with 4 deaths, 1 death a Brazilian, and the remainder foreigners; 1 death a child of less than 5 years, the others being from 20 to 60 years of age.

Since the beginning of the calendar year there have been 56 cases and 16 deaths from this disease.

Plague caused 3 deaths, with 3 new cases; 2 of these deaths occurring in the plague hospital and the other in the city. Of the yellow fever deaths, 1 was in the city and the remainder were in the hospital.

Variola caused 6 deaths, with 22 new cases—4 deaths in the city and the other 2 in the hospital.

At the close of the week there were 7 cases of yellow fever and 43 of variola under treatment in the Hospital São Sebastião, and 35 cases of plague in the plague hospital.

As stated above, since January 1 there have been 56 cases and 16 deaths from yellow fever. The record for plague is 87 cases and 39 deaths, and for variola, 264 cases and 111 deaths.

The remaining causes of deaths during the week under consideration were: Whooping cough, 1; diphtheria, 1; grippe, 10; beriberi, 1; erysipelas, 3; malarial fevers, 5; tuberculosis, pulmonary, 52; other forms of tuberculosis, 4; septicæmia, 3; syphilis, 2; cancer, 5; other general diseases, 2; diseases of the nervous system, 25; of the respiratory system, 21; of the circulatory system, 47; of the digestive system, 30; of the urinary system, 6; puerperal septicæmia, 2; accidents during puerperal state, 1; congenital debility, 7; senile debility, 8; violence, except suicide, 3; suicide, 1, and diseases ill defined, 3.